GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:643
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
C.B.I. RAID ON TEHELKA.COM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has conducted searches at the offices of Tehelka. Com recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any indiscriminate documents were found in the office of Tehelka.Com;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this raid is likely to hurt the investigation of alleged corruption in defence deal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CBI in connection with investigation of Registration Case (RC)5/2002-SIU.XI raided the residential and office premises of a reporter of Tehelka.Com at New Delhi on 26.6.2002. The searches were conducted Under Section 165 of the Criminal Procedure Code to unearth evidence.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Large number of documents directly connected to the investigation of RC5/2002-SIU.XI have been seized from both the premises.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.